

## House Resolution No. 350

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, and ; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Henry H. Sweets, III, who is observing his thirtieth year as Curator for the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum, in Hannibal, Missouri, with a special celebration to be held at the Museum's Interpretive Center, located at 415 North Main Street in Hannibal, on Thursday, January 31, 2008; and

**Whereas**, Henry Sweets began his career at the Museum in January 1978, and during his time he has seen many changes and has had the opportunity to represent the Museum in many capacities; and

**Whereas**, in 1985, Henry Sweets was part of a contingent that took a bust of Mark Twain, sculpted by Don Wiegand, to the White House to add to the White House art collection, when he met President Reagan in the Oval Office, and he returned to the White House six years ago, when he participated in a symposium on literacy hosted by First Lady Bush; and

**Whereas**, Henry Sweets has met and led many notables and dignitaries through the museum, including President Jimmy Carter and his family, Jacques Cousteau, Hal Holbrook, and many leading Mark Twain scholars from around the world; and

**Whereas**, Henry Sweets has informed the community about the Museum and Mark Twain through countless presentations and interviews, including a weekly radio segment on KHMO that ran for many years, and during the Flood of 1993, he acted as a media liaison, fielding calls and questions from reporters around the country on the condition of Mark Twain's hometown; and

**Whereas**, as the Museum's primary ambassador, Henry Sweets has every intention of continuing his work of assisting scholars, publishing the newsletter, developing and maintaining relationships with Mark Twain enthusiasts around the globe, and providing teachers with tools they need to engender a love for Twain and for reading; and

**Whereas**, Henry Sweets is the proud husband of Nancy Sweets, and they are the devoted parents of two children, Amy and Henry:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Henry Sweets on the illustrious occasion of his thirtieth anniversary as Curator of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum, with our best wishes for every success in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Henry Sweets, III, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rachel Bringer  
District No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 350, adopted January 31, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rod Jetton, Speaker